

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Original) A composition which is selected from the group consisting of a microemulsion, a liquid crystal, or a mixture of a microemulsion and a liquid crystal which comprises an antiperspirant salt, a cosmetic oil, and a combination of at least one cationic quaternary surfactant and at least one nonionic surfactant.
2. (Currently Amended) A composition in accordance with claim 1 ~~characterised in that~~ wherein said antiperspirant salt is selected from the group consisting of aluminum, zirconium and mixed aluminum/zirconium salts.
3. (Currently Amended) A composition in accordance with claim 1 ~~characterised in that~~ wherein said antiperspirant salt is a zirconium salt complexed with aluminum salts having coordinated or bound water.
4. (Currently Amended) A composition in accordance with claim 1 ~~characterised in that~~ wherein said antiperspirant salt is present in the aqueous phase at from about 1 to about 60%.
5. (Currently Amended) A composition in accordance with claim 4 ~~characterised in that~~ wherein said antiperspirant salt is present in the aqueous phase at from 10% to about 60%.
6. (Currently Amended) A composition in accordance with claim 1 ~~characterised in that~~ wherein said aqueous phase further comprises a buffer, a glycol, a sugar, a cyclodextrin, a preservative, an antimicrobial, a chelating agent, a water-soluble polymer, an anticholinergic, a monovalent salt, a divalent salt, a trivalent salt, fragrances or mixtures thereof.

7. (Currently Amended) A composition in accordance with claim 1 ~~in that~~ wherein said aqueous phase is present at about 1% to about 60%, ~~more preferably at 5% to 30%, and most preferably at 10 to 25%.~~

8. (Currently Amended) A composition in accordance with claim 1 ~~characterised in that~~ said cosmetic oil comprises esters, ethers, long chain alcohols, or ethoxylated alcohols, hydrocarbons, fatty acids, monoglycerides, diglycerides triglycerides, fragrances and volatile or non-volatile silicone fluids, and cholesterol.

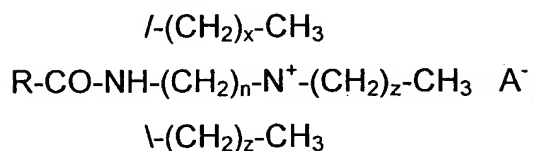
9. (Currently Amended) A composition in accordance with claim 8 ~~characterised in that~~ wherein said oil phase comprises silicone fluids which in turn comprise a volatile or non-volatile silicone such as cyclomethicone or dimethicone.

10. (Currently Amended) A composition in accordance with claim 8 ~~characterised in that~~ wherein said non-volatile silicone is phenyl tris(trimethylsiloxy)silane.

11. (Currently Amended) A composition in accordance with claim 8 ~~characterised in that~~ wherein said esters are selected from the group consisting of cetyl octanoate, C12-15 alcohol benzoate, isostearyl benzoate, diisopropyl adipate and mixtures thereof.

12. (Original) A composition in accordance with claim 8 wherein said hydrocarbon fluids are selected from the group such as aliphatic hydrocarbons; hydrogenated polydecenes; hydrogenated polybutenes; dioctylcyclohexane; mineral oil, cyclohexane and mixtures thereof.

13. (Currently Amended) A composition in accordance with claim 1 ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the cationic quaternary ammonium surfactant has the following structure:



wherein n is one to six.

x is zero to three

y is zero to three

z is zero to three

with the proviso that $x+y+z \leq 6$

A⁻ is any physiologically acceptable counter ion which does not adversely affect the composition, and more specifically A⁻ can be selected from the group consisting of chloride, bromide, ethosulfate, methyl sulfate, lactate, acetate, nitrate or sulfate.

Where R is a ricinoleic derivative:



or mixtures thereof.

14. (Original) A composition in accordance with claim 13 wherein n=3, x=1, y=0, z=0, A⁻ = ethosulfate and R=CH₃-(CH₂)₅-CH(OH)-CH₂-CH=CH-(CH₂)₇..

15. (Currently Amended) A composition in accordance with claim 13 ~~4~~ ~~characterised in that~~ wherein said cationic quaternary ammonium surfactant is present at 0.1% to 30%, ~~more preferably at 1% to 30%, most preferably at 2% to 15%.~~

16. (Original) A method for controlling or preventing underarm perspiration and malodor which comprises applying, to an underarm, an effective amount of a composition of claim 1.
17. (New) A composition in accordance with claim 1 wherein said aqueous phase is present at about 5% to about 30%.
18. (New) A composition in accordance with claim 1 wherein said aqueous phase is present at about 10% to about 25%.
19. (New) A composition in accordance with claim 13 wherein said cationic quaternary ammonium surfactant is present at about 1% to about 30%.
20. (New) A composition in accordance with claim 13 wherein said cationic quaternary ammonium surfactant is present at about 2% to about 15%.